

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

Claims 1, 3-9 and 11-14 are allowed.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Howard C. Lee on 9/19/2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 2 and 10.

Claim 5, line 1, replace the word "dosage" with "transdermal dosage film form.

Claim 11, line 1, replace the words "claim 10" with "claim 1".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art is that of Nara et al. (US 6,245,351), teaching a process of producing an enteric dosage form with cross-linked polyacrylic acid derivatives. The present invention differs from Nara et al. by teaching a process of producing a transdermal dosage film form where the polyacrylic acid derivative is cross-linked in situ by simultaneous spraying of the polymer solutions.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIELLE SULLIVAN whose telephone number is (571)270-3285. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Mon-Thur EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fereydoun Sajjadi can be reached on (571) 272-3311. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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